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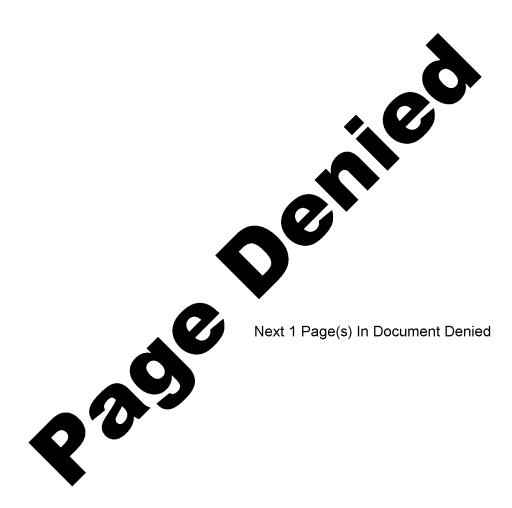
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- 1. SIGNIFICANCE: TEST/EXPERIMENT PREPARATIONS AND EXTENSIVE NEW SUPPORT AREAS ARE OBSERVED. (SWN)
- THE TEST AND EXPERIMENT PREFARATIONS AT ADIT 4AV (GRAPHIC 1) INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FORWARD RECORDING SITE (FRS) AND A PROBABLE MAIN CONTROL FOINT (MCP). SEVENTEEN INSTRUMENTATION TRAILERS (INCLUDING THREE TRAILERS) ARE AT THE FRS AND TWO SMALL POSSIBLE INSTRUMENTATION TRAILERS ARE AT THE PROBABLE MCP. SIX HOUSETRAILERS AND THREE BUSES ARE NEAR THE PROBABLE MCP. THIS ACTIVITY HAS BEGUN SINCE SIMILAR INSTRUMENTATION TRAILER ACTIVITY HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN OBSERVED AT ADIT 3R, WHICE WAS THE SITE OF THREE TEST/EXPERIMENTS THAT WERE CONDUCTED WITH NO DETECTABLE NUCLEAR DETONATION AND LITTLE PRIOR PREPARATION. ADIT 4AV (IN CONJUNCTION WITH ADIT 4AW) WAS THE SITE OF AN ELABORATE NUCLEAR EFFECTS TEST CONDUCTED IN OCTOBER 1978. (SWN)

THE NEW SUPPORT AREA (GRAPHIC 2), FREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY, CONSISTS OF A TENT BIVOUAC AREA AND A VEHICLE PARKING AREA. IT IS IMMEDIATELY NORTHWEST OF ADITS 2AW AND 2AX. NUMEROUS GENERAL SUPPORT VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT ARE IN THE VEHICLE PARKING AREA. IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE PARKING AREA, A LONG, NARROW-ROOFED BUILDING AND SEVERAL TENTS HAVE BEEN ERECTED NEAR A PROBABLE CUT IN THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN. TWO ADDITIONAL CUTS ARE DISCERNIBLE IN THE MOUNTAINSIDE NEAR THE BIVOUAC AREA. SOUTHWEST OF ADITS 2AW AND 2AX, NEAR THE ROAD SERVING THE TWO ADITS, A SMALLER SUPPORT AREA WITH TENTS, A ONE-STORY BUILDING, AND TWO SMALL ADDITIONAL STRUCTURES HAS BEEN ERECTED IN A FENCE-SECURED AREA. (SWN)

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EXTENSIVE SUPPORT FACILITIES OF THIS TYPE IS UNUSUAL AT DEGELEN MOUNTAIN TEST AREA. NORMALLY, ANY TEST SUPPORT REQUIRED IS PROVIDED BY THE PERMANENT FACILITIES IN THE AREA, AND THE NUMBER OF TENTS AND ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS ERECTED NEAR THE ADITS IS MINIMAL. THE RECENT ACTIVITY MAY INDICATE EITHER FLANS FOR UNUSUALLY COMPLEX TESTING IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA, AND/OR AN INCREASE IN THE FREQUENCY OF NUCLEAR TESTING. (SWN)

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